



HCBS Waiver Redesign Workgroup Meeting Summary
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Division for Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
303 E. 17th Street, Denver, CO 80203

Work Group Members	State Staff	Guests	Facilitators (HMA)
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Welcome/ Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.	
Review and Discussion of Service Definitions	<p>As follow-up from the November meeting, the Workgroup reviewed and discussed a possible new recommendation for the definition for specialized medical equipment, changes to the definition of professional services, and discussed an update on the HCBS final rule</p> <p>For specialized medical equipment, the Workgroup recommends the following definition: The final definition that the Workgroup recommends is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Devices, controls, or appliances, specified in the Service Plan, that enable participant to increase or maintain their ability to perform activities of daily living• Hearing aids, hearing aid batteries and supplies not otherwise available through the State Plan• Equipment and supplies used in self-calming strategies, i.e., weighted blankets, specialized lighting, as recommended by a professional	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food preparation equipment for special diets and specialized eating utensils • Specially designed clothing needed to meet an individual's needs; • Maintenance and upkeep of the equipment; • Necessary medical supplies not available under the State plan <p>For professional services, the Workgroup recommends the following definition but recommends changing the title to Health and Wellness Professional Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional services are services that meet a medical, behavioral, or health and wellness need that has been identified by a licensed medical professional and documented in the participant's service plan. This includes identified needs around maintaining a healthy weight and/or maintaining general health. • Services must be associated with an identified a goal for treatment or health and wellness, and the provider shall monitor the progress of that goal at least quarterly. In addition, the licensed medical professional shall monitor the progress or maintenance of that goal at least annually. • Providers of Professional Services must be licensed, certified, registered and/or accredited by an appropriate national accreditation association in that profession. 	
Payment Reform Presentation and Discussion	Tyler presented to the group an overview of several types of payment structures. The group discussed the concept of payment reform and the pros and cons of different payment structures. While not supporting one payment structure over another, the Workgroup recommends that the Department explore payment reform options for the new waiver.	
Break		



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Discuss and Vote on Recommendations Document	The Workgroup discussed the Recommendations Document and made a number of recommendations. These included changed from past tense to present tense, making some changes to service definitions noted above, and explaining in more detail the discussions around residential services. These changes will be made to the Recommendations Document, and then sent out to the Workgroup for a “yes” or “no” vote. Once Workgroup members have voted, the document will be released for public comment, mostly likely via the Department’s website. The document will also be used in statewide meetings this spring and summer.	At a future meeting, the group would like to see a crosswalk of what is available in Residential now, and where these services are in the service definitions. The group would also like to do a case study of a couple of people who have certain needs, and how services are available to someone under old waivers and the new waiver.
Next Meetings, Next Steps	The Workgroup recommends that the group reconvene as an “implementation council”, possibly in June and Septmeber, but timing will be flexible based on the Department’s progress on the waiver.	
Public Comment	A member of the public suggested that the Recommendations Document include a note that it will be helpful for the old and new waivers to run in parallel, particularly as the Department explores payment reform options.	

